

WOODBURY SCHOOL

Newsletter

**11 October 2023,
Term 4 Week 1**

Kia ora e te whānau,

It is a little hard to believe we are welcoming families back to the last term of 2024. We look forward to a range of different learning opportunities this term, see the calendar below and weekly breakdown of what is happening.

A reminder to parents that we are a “Sunsmart School”, and as part of this we are committed to making sure children are wearing their hat when outside, and using sunscreen when required. Forecasts are pointing to a pretty hot summer, so these are definitely a must in Term 4. Hats can be brought from The Warehouse or Peter Young Apparel in Geraldine. In addition, we encourage children to always have their water bottle available while at school.

We had school photos yesterday, and had an aerial photo taken of the children forming the number 126. This is the number of children our roll will be at in a couple of weeks time. This is the highest it has ever been, and will likely not get to this number again, which is why we took the photo to mark the occasion. After our very large group of current Year 6 students move on we will drop back to our preferred roll of finishing around 115, much to the delight of our teachers!



Ngā mihi,

Mike de Joux

Tumuaki / Principal

NEW STUDENTS



Joshua has joined us from Geraldine Kindy and is looking forward to being at Woodbury School with his sister Ramona.



Ned has joined us from Geraldine Kindy and is looking forward to being at Woodbury School with his brother Stanley.

GENERAL ELECTIONS

On Saturday from 9.00am members of the public will be able to vote in the elections, at the school library.

PET DAY

Please [see this link](#) for a detailed explanation of the day.

We have also attached at the end of the newsletter a site map showing where parents/animals will need to go to on the day.

This year the Home and School are running a **Sausage Sizzle** for those in attendance, at \$3 per sausage.

Next to the sausage sizzle will be a table where \$1 raffle tickets can be bought as a fundraiser for the **Home and School**, organised by Louise Nelson with a range of amazing prizes. This will be drawn at the end of Pet Day.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

We will be recommencing Sausages Sizzles on Fridays. Thank you to those of you who have already put your orders in. If you haven't done so please order on link below as cut off is 1PM Wednesday.

[Sausage Sizzle order form Term 4](#)

SCHOOL POOL KEYS

These are available from the office for \$50. The pool will be open from Week 4 of Term (Monday 30th October) through to around the middle of Term 1 next year.

We require some parents to help monitor the pool for a week or so each over the holidays. If you can help with this (there will be a discount on your key!) please let the office know as well.

PARENT FEEDBACK - SCHOOL EVENTS

As a staff we are regularly looking at the activities and events that we carry out. We are considering a change from next year but would really like parent feedback around this. With a busy calendar in both Terms 1 and 4, we are looking at carrying out both Pet Day and Flower Show events in alternate years (i.e. Flower show in even years, Pet Day in odd years).

The reasoning behind this is:

- To ease pressure on teachers and classroom learning in either of Term 1 or Term 4 each year, at times which are our busiest. There is usually a couple of weeks in class preparation for each of these events which impact programmes, as well as a range of sporting and other activities.

TERM 4 SWIMMING

Once again Clare Connolly will be taking swimming lessons in Term 4 (8 lessons, over 4 weeks). This also extends to any 4 year old siblings or those enrolled and due to start

Enrolments forms are to be back to Clare by Tuesday 17 October. Please email forms directly to clare.connolly@xtra.co.nz

Please see end of newsletter for enrolment form.

HOME AND SCHOOL RAFFLE

Louise Nelson has done an absolutely phenomenal job in securing a vast range of prizes for the Home and School raffle, which is to be drawn on Pet Day.

Please check out the [Home and School Facebook page on this link](#), with all the prizes and the contact for Louise to get tickets.



- To ease pressure on parents as well, as we know there is a big commitment for these events on your side also.
- To an extent these events have become a little bit repetitive at times. We like the tradition behind them and would like to keep them, but think that by having these every second year it may make them a bit more special and important, and perhaps give us a chance to revamp them a little.

[Please follow this link to a brief survey](#), to give us an idea of how parents would feel about this change - we are keen to hear how these events are seen from a parent perspective.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Kolourcare will have photo order forms out within the next couple of weeks so that orders can be processed and distributed before end of Term 4.

LILY BULB FUNDRAISER FOR SOCIAL WORKER

These have arrived at school and will be distributed out to families who have ordered.

CALENDAR AND UPCOMING TERM EVENTS - TERM

We will send out more specific information about certain events and reminders closer to the time. Keep an eye on ClassDojo for schoolwide and class notices.

Please find a very busy [Term 4 Calendar attached](#) (note some dates may be subject to change)

Week 1 (9 - 13 October)

- Monday is the first day of Term 4. Please remind your child to bring their RED HAT and DRINK BOTTLE.
- Tuesday we have our school photos. Children must wear their blue Woodbury top and red hat on this day.

Week 2 (16 - 20 October)

- Pet Day is on the Thursday.
- Friday 20th October is a Teacher Only Day, which is being used by staff to upskill in the new curriculum refresh.

Week 3 (23 - 27 October)

- Monday is the Labour Weekend holiday
- On Wednesday the Year 6 students are off to help with plantings along the Orari River.
- On Friday we are taking the Year 6 students to Geraldine High School to use the high ropes course. We hope to make this a yearly activity for our Year 6 students.

Week 4 (30 October - 3 November)

- Board of Trustees meeting on Monday night.
- After school swimming start on Tuesday 31st October (and then every Thursday and Tuesday for the next 4 weeks).
- Friday the 3rd November will see the school support National Gumboot Day, in support of mental health awareness

Week 5 (6 - 10 November)

- On Monday our Year 3-6 students take part in a fun "Top Teams" event at school, with all sorts of team-building and competitive activities

- Friday 10th November is our annual athletic sports. This is held at the Geraldine Domain, and combined with our friends at Carew Peel Forest.

Week 6 (13 - 17 November)

- Year 1-3 swimming starts, every day with qualified CBAY instructors, at school during the mornings

Week 7 (20 - 24 November)

- On Monday, St Johns have an in-school first aid course they run with all students
- On Wednesday-Friday the Year 1-3 swimming programme will be at the Geraldine Pool.
- This is also the last week of after school swimming with Clare Connolly

Week 8 (27 November - 1 December)

- For children aged 8 and older, we send our top competitors to represent the school at the South Canterbury Athletic's event. This is on Tuesday 28th November.
- On Wednesday 29th, our Year 6's who are heading to Geraldine High School next year head along for a fun day at the High School.

Week 9 (4 - 8 December)

- BOT meeting 7.00pm, Monday night

Week 10 (11 - 15 December)

- On Wednesday reports go home. Prizegiving is at 1.00pm at the Woodbury Domain Hall.
- Thursday 14th December is the last day of school. School finishes 12.00pm on this day (note there is only the morning buses running this day)

Community NEWS



AN INVITATION TO
**PICNIC AT
SUNDRUM**

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER
10AM-4PM



A unique opportunity to look around the grounds of Sundrum, an historic homestead established in 1910 by Major Archibald Claude Douglas Spencer and his wife Harriet (nee Acland).

Bush walks, tree talks, bird talks and a little light music.
Bring your own picnic lunch.
Morning and afternoon refreshments available for purchase.

For updates find us on Facebook: NZ Geraldine Newcomers '22



52 RAE ROAD, WOODBURY
GATE ADMISSION \$15 | CHILDREN NO CHARGE | CASH ONLY

PROCEEDS TO ANGLICAN PARISH OF GERALDINE AND OTHER WOODBURY FUNDRAISERS



**Geraldine Community
Whānau
Fun Day**

**Sunday 5th Nov
1-4pm**



**An opportunity for the public to enjoy our
community-owned preschool! All welcome.**

**Enjoy games, face painting, a sausage
sizzle, visits from the fire brigade and
ambulance crew - all for free!**

Geraldine Preschool
6 High Street, Geraldine



NO TRICKS LOTS OF TREATS!
31 OCTOBER 5.00-7.30PM
 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH GROUNDS WILSON ST

LIGHT PARTY

A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN
 SUPPORTED BY THE TDC

FREE!
 OR BY DONATION

TUG O WAR
 DRESS UP (OPTIONAL)
 BOUNCY CASTLES!
 LOLLY SCRAMBLE
 Sideshows
 FOOD! GAMES! CRAFTS!

THIS EVENT IS RUN BY ST ANDREW'S GERALDINE • CHECK [LIGHTPARTYGERALDINE](https://www.facebook.com/lightpartygeraldine) ON FACEBOOK FOR CANCELLATION IF WET



Swim Squad

Our squad swimming season commences in the Geraldine Pool when it opens in early November.
 If you are interested in joining our club for fitness, skills or competitive swimming then please contact us at;
secretarygasc@gmail.com

Learn to Swim

We offer 'Learn To Swim' lessons in the Geraldine Pool for children 5 years and older in 2 Blocks - Tuesday/Thursday afternoons later in Term 4 and Term 1 2024.
 Very limited spaces available!
 Contact learn2swimgeraldine@gmail.com

Also checkout our Facebook Page for updates about the 2023/24 season!

Parent Help
 For Parents and Family Support

FREE PARENTING HELPLINE www.parenthelp.org.nz
ALL ISSUES ALL AGES **0800 568 856**

FIVE WAYS TO WELLBEING

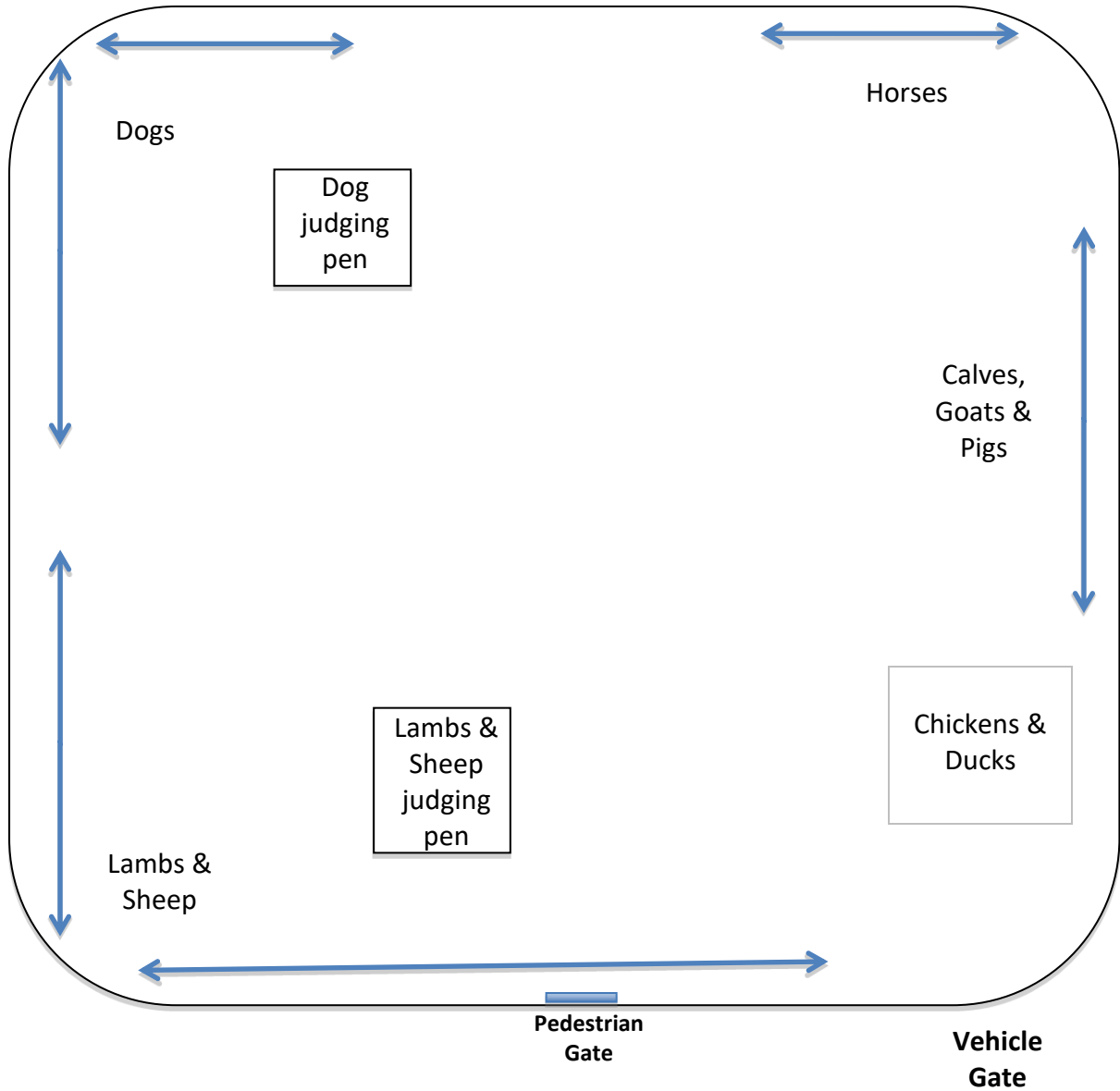
- CONNECT**
TALK & LISTEN, BE THERE, FEEL CONNECTED
- Give**
Your time, your words, your presence
- TAKE NOTICE**
REMEMBER THE SIMPLE THINGS THAT GIVE YOU JOY
- KEEP LEARNING**
EMBRACE NEW EXPERIENCES, SEE OPPORTUNITIES, SURPRISE YOURSELF
- BE ACTIVE**
DO WHAT YOU CAN, ENJOY WHAT YOU DO, MOVE YOUR BODY

INTRODUCE THESE FIVE SIMPLE STRATEGIES INTO YOUR LIFE AND YOU WILL FEEL THE BENEFITS.

Mental Health Foundation
 mauri tū, mauri ora
www.mentalhealth.org.nz

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Woodbury Pet Day 2022 Woodbury Domain



Toilet Block

- HALL - Rabbits
- Guinea Pigs
- Cats
- Fish
- Worms

BBQ &
Raffle
Tickets

Entrance

Woodbury Road



WOODBURY SCHOOL PET DAY

Thursday, 19th October 2023

10:15am

Arrival time at the Domain.

Follow gate directions re parking and to get your pet setup in allocated site. Please do not arrive at The Woodbury Domain before 10am.

NB: Children do NOT go to school first.

10:45am

Judging, leading and handling

12:00 - 12:30pm

LUNCH: Bring your own picnic lunch
O'H Yes Coffee will be on site from 10:15am (EFTPOS avail.)

12:30-12:45pm

Pet fancy dress (optional) followed by Grand Parade.

1:00pm

Children and pets to be taken home/collected from Woodbury Domain at conclusion. If you are collecting a child, you should be at the domain by 12.30pm

This is an approximate time guide only

A bit more of an explanation

This will be the first time we have been back at the Woodbury Domain for Pet Day for 3 years, after having to cancel due to Covid restrictions in 2021 and having to hold the event at school due to wet grounds at the domain last year.

We felt it would be timely to give a more detailed reminder here to parents who may be new to school, about how the day runs.

Prior to the event:

- Teachers will ask children which pet they will be bringing along (if bringing a pet). We record the name and type of animal in the office, to help with planning purposes.
- In class students will carry out a "Pet Project", to be displayed in the Woodbury Domain Hall on the day.

On the Day:

- There are NO buses this day, and students DO NOT come to school first.
- Families take their child straight to the Woodbury Domain at around 10.15am.
- A site map will be sent out earlier, and someone will be at the gate helping to direct parents.
- Some smaller animals such as cats, mice, goldfish, etc... will be set up in the Woodbury Domain Hall. All other animals will have a designated area where parents can drive to and park up.
- Wooden stakes will be set-up in areas for people to park, and tie their animals to.

What parents do:

- Parents/caregivers are required to attend with their child and animals, OR organise for another adult to be responsible for your child on the day. In the event that you are unable to organise this, please contact the office. All staff have designated jobs on the day, but we will make sure a child has supervision if they do not have an adult organised to be with them.
- On the day parents are welcome to take the chance to wander around to see other pets, the projects in the hall, and chat with other parents. Most families bring a picnic lunch along.

What students do:

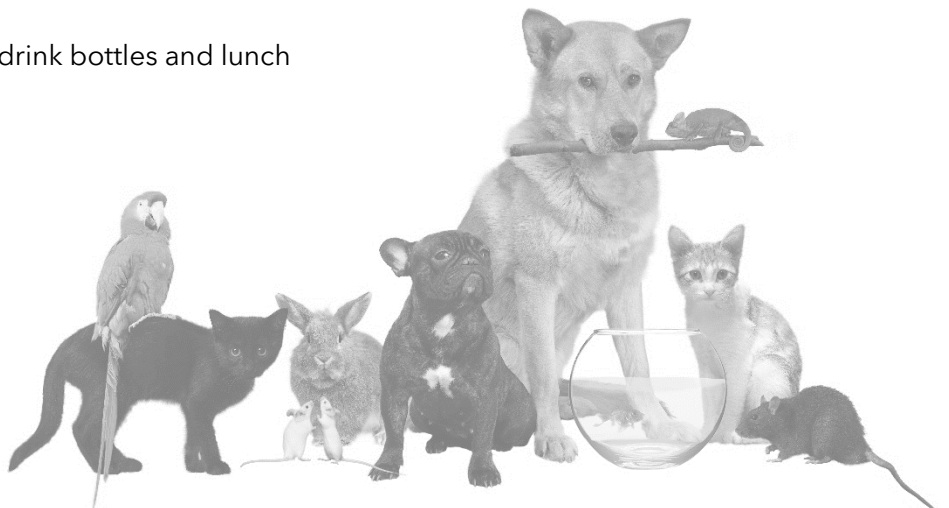
- Students are expected to spend most of the time making sure their animal is safe and happy.
- They will be able to wander around and see the other animals and their friends.
- We have judges lined up for each type of animal. Children's knowledge will be tested with a range of questions about their particular animal. For some animals, children will be asked to lead them around a short course.

Finish:

- At 12.30pm all the children are called over to the middle of the domain, along with their animal.
- We judge the "Best Costume" winners, then our piper leads a grand procession of animals around the domain. Parents are then able to take their children and animals and head away.
- PLEASE REMEMBER TO TAKE ANY ANIMAL DROPPINGS WITH YOU!

Other:

- There is not a postponement day for this event - we will let parents know in the morning if we are going ahead, if the weather is looking to be too wet.
- Families can donate dog / cat food to a box in the hall, which is passed onto the SPCA.
- We have invited some Kindy and preschool children along who always enjoy the day, and will be collecting them in our school bus. Parents are welcome to bring along younger siblings, friends and relatives on the day.
- Children will require sunhats, drink bottles and lunch





Woodbury

We're working in your area!



Key Contacts

Timaru District Council

Ph: 03 687 7200

Fulton Hogan Site Manager Steven Murray

Ph: 027 702 7972



What's happening?

We're completing road resals in Woodbury



When?

This project will commence sometime between the **13th – 20th October 2023** with an expected duration of **2 days**. (weather dependent).
Our working times are 7am – 6pm week days



Why?

The existing road surface needs renewing to ensure it remains in a safe condition for road users. Resealing the road surface is similar to putting a new coat of paint on your house, it makes it more waterproof and stops the old layer peeling/potholing which extends the life of the pavement beneath.



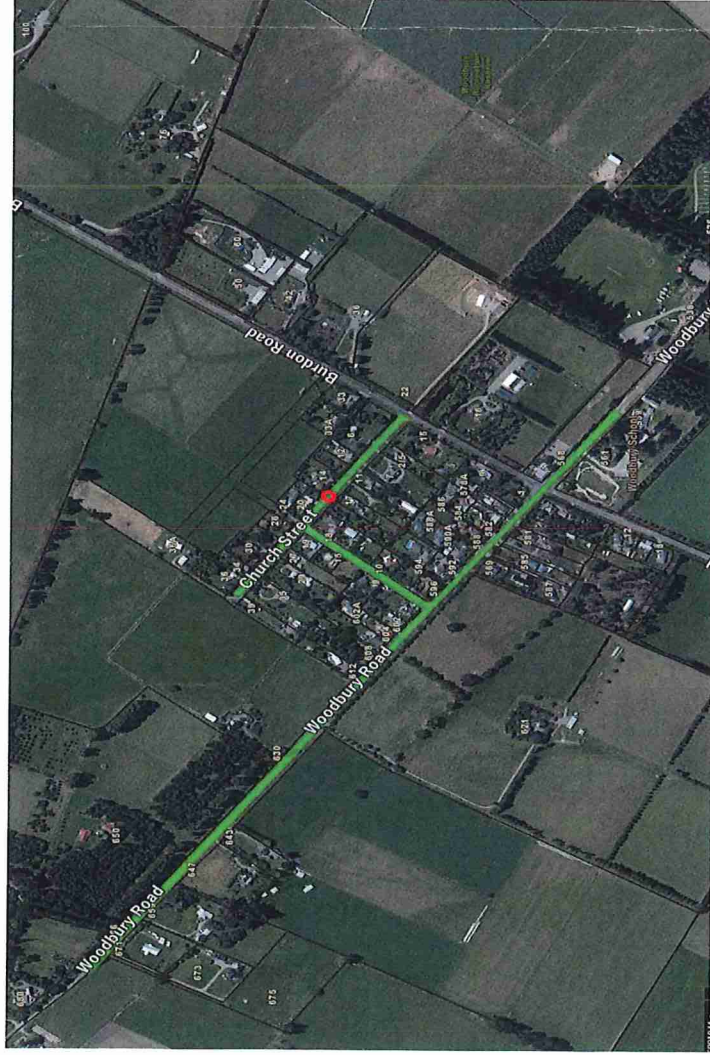
Please note

We will endeavor to minimise disruption however road access at the site may be limited or restricted at times.

Site map

More information

Here's where we'll be working:



What hours will work occur?

Work hours will be limited to 6am-6pm, Monday to Friday.

Will my bins still be collected?

Unless otherwise notified, bin collection will occur as usual.

Loose chip

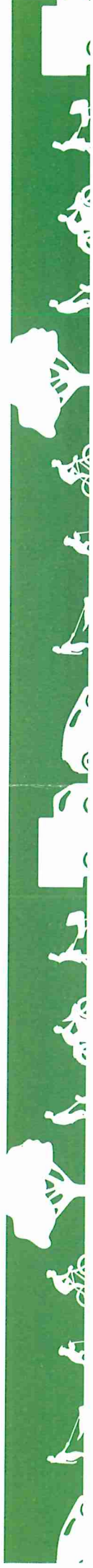
After the reseal, there will be a period where loose chip will be present. This is to protect the new surface from damage. The contractor will return to complete a series of sweeps to remove the loose chip, however you can expect to notice loose chip for about a month after works are completed.

Will access to my property be affected?

During this works your Street will likely be closed to normal Traffic and street-side parking will be limited, however as this work does not involve any excavation, we will have our helpful Traffic Management staff at each end of site who will direct you through to your property as soon as it is safe to do so. This may result in delays of up to 15 minutes to access your property.

On the first page of this leaflet, we have indicated an approximate timeframe for works to take place, please keep an eye out for No parking cones and signage which will indicate the commencement of works the following day.

Thank you for your tolerance and cooperation while we complete these important works!



Enrolment Form:

Woodbury School Pool - After School Swimming Lessons

Parent Full Name:

Child's Full Name:

DOB:

AGE:

Child's Full Name:

DOB:

AGE:

Child's Full Name:

DOB:

AGE:

Contact Details:

Mobile:

Home Address:

Email:

Emergency Contact Details:

Name:

Mobile:

Does your child/children have any medical conditions/allergies/learning disabilities?

Please tick those that apply for each child:

Can go under the water

Can float front and back

Can kick 4-6m front and back

Can do Freestyle and Backstroke arm action for 6m

Can do 12m Freestyle with breathing and 12m Backstroke.

Lessons will be for 4 weeks, twice a week on a Tuesday and Thursday after school.

Dates will be Tuesday 31 October, 7, 14 and 21 November and Thursdays 2, 9, 16 and 23 November 2023.

\$75.00 per child. This can be paid into the following bank account by Monday 30 October 2023 or cash can be brought to the first lesson.

01 0843 0092548 32 Clare E Connolly, Reference – Child's Surname.